

Why Am I seeking Re-Election

First, I have achieved a distinguished record to run on....to continue the progress! Second, I am the most qualified candidate seeking the office of Mayor.

Only Mayor Sharpe James has the administrative experience, budget experience, a record of positively changing the image, perception and realities of Newark, and the only candidate with an on going and open door relationship with President Bill Clinton, Governor Christine Todd Whitman and Essex County Executive Jim Treffinger, which is needed to continue Newark's extraordinary progress against shrinking federal and local dollars. This is no time for candidates to learn on the job..

While neighboring cities are facing a fiscal and leadership crisis, under my leadership Newark is fiscally sound and experiencing an economic and social boom...a citywide renaissance.

Yet, I am the first to admit that Newark is not perfect, nor without problems, but much better since I became Mayor in 1986 and growing in leaps and bounds.

As past President of the National League of Cities, Trustee for the United States Conference of Mayors, Executive Board Member for the New Jersey League of Municipalities and as Vice President of the New Jersey Conference of Mayors, Newark is in good hands.

I was voted the most valued public official in America and honored at the National Press Club in Washington, D.C. Newark has won three national awards (USA EPA for recycling, USCM City Livability Award and the NLC All American City Award).

Finally, "Let the work I've done speak for me":

- *The image of Newark is now more positive
- *The perception of Newark is now more positive
- *Crime is down 25%, Homicide down 50% and auto theft down 41%
- *Hired over 1000 police officers
- *Adding another 300 this year to fight neighborhood drug dealers and quality of life issues
- *Created over 25,000 jobs
- *5% Property tax reduction
- *Water rate reduction for all water users
- *Housing built in every ward and neighborhood
Society Hill won the Harvard University Dively Award for urban excellence
- *Newark Housing Authority under my appointed commissioners now off the most troubled list and rated one of the best in America. Tenants now fighting to get in public housing and not out. They want to purchase NHA townhouses.
- *Recreation and cultural renaissance
Two state of the art movie theaters

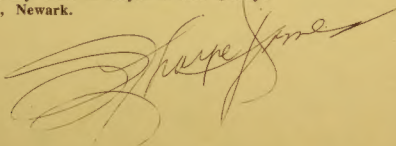
State of the art roller skating rink
NJPAC
Planned baseball stadium
Aquatic Center under construction
Planned waterfront development
35 Neighborhood Rec/Edu. centers

Newark experiencing an economic boom creating jobs.

Seven new hotels
Three new hotels planned & conference center
Science Park
South Ward Industrial Park
Proposed St Barnabas Health Care System laundry
Newark Rail Link
Blue Cross/Blue Shields moved back to Newark
Seton Hall Law School stayed in Newark
Rutgers Law School under construction
Dr. M.L.K. Jr. Federal Court House
IHOP Restaurant on its way (first 24 hours family sit down restaurant)

My call for an education summit to ensure that our children are prepared to compete in a local global economy

Many more reasons. This is just a quick sample short list of my work as mayor of New Jersey's largest city, Newark.

A large, stylized handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Sharpe Jones", is written across the bottom right of the page.